

## A B S T R A C T

There is proposed a method of providing a signaling channel for performing one or more signaling functions at the level of Ethernet. The telecommunication of interest is  
5 organized by information packets forming an information flow, and the method comprises utilizing a combined flow composed from the information flow and one or more service flows formed from service packets being compatible with the information packets. The service packets belonging to a particular service flow carry indication of a corresponding one of the signaling functions to be performed, while  
10 the one or more service flows form the signaling channel at the level of Ethernet.

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